

**Wichita Police Department Policy Manual****Approved by:****Regulation 525 – Strip and body Cavity Searches**

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Information Services**Issue/Rev.: R 7-14-05****STRIP-SEARCHES:**

- 525.01 "Strip-search" means removing or rearranging some or all of a person's clothing, by or at the direction of a law enforcement officer, so as to permit a visual inspection of the genitals, buttocks, anus or female breasts of such person. [K.S.A. 22-2520(a)]
- 525.02 All strip-searches must be authorized by a commissioned supervisor.
- 525.03 No person detained or arrested solely for the violation of a statute, resolution or ordinance involving a traffic, regulatory or non-violent misdemeanor offense shall be strip-searched unless there is probable cause to believe that the individual is concealing a weapon or a controlled substance. [K.S.A. 22-2521(a)]
- 525.04 Every strip-search conducted by law enforcement officers or employees of a law enforcement agency or department shall be conducted by persons of the same sex as the person being searched, and shall be conducted so that the search cannot be observed by any person other than the persons conducting the search, unless the right to privacy is waived by the person being searched. [K.S.A. 22-2521(b)]

BODY-CAVITY SEARCHES:

- 525.05 "Body-cavity search" means the touching or probing of a person's vaginal or rectal cavity at the direction of a law enforcement officer. [K.S.A. 22-2520(b)]
- 525.06 A body-cavity search shall be conducted only under the authority of a search warrant specifically authorizing a body-cavity search. [K.S.A. 22-2522(a)]
- 525.07 Every body-cavity search shall be conducted by a licensed physician or a registered nurse. [K.S.A. 22-2522(b)]
- 525.08 A commissioned, WPD officer shall be present during a body-cavity search, and he/she must be of the same sex as the person on whom the search is being conducted. [K.S.A. 22-2522(c)]

REQUIRED INFORMATION IN REPORTS:

- 525.09 Any WPD member who conducts a strip-search or witnesses a body-cavity search shall include the following information in his/her mandatory written report [as per K.S.A. 22-2521(c)]:
- A. Name and sex of the person searched;
 - B. Name(s) and sex(es) of the person(s) conducting the search;
 - C. Time, date and place of the search; and
 - D. A statement of the results of the search.

EVIDENCE:

- 525.10 Any evidence obtained from a strip-search or a body-cavity search shall be submitted in accordance with Policy 708-Physical Evidence, Found and Personal Property.